(c) Every accident is investigated by a Court of Inquiry comprising concerned specialists. Based on the recommendations of the Court of Inquiry, follow up action is taken to prevent recurrence of similar accidents. Whenever any adverse trend or weak area is observed, special joint studies are carried out with the help of specialists from the manufacturers and users to closely examine the problems and take suitable remedial measures.

**Inquiry against IAF Officers**

1942. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Hindustan Times, New Delhi dated the 29th April, 1993 under the caption "IAF Officer is facing persecution.";

(b) whether it is a fact that a section of defence forces have been siphoning out resources;

(c) whether Government would hold immediate investigation into the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) A Court of Inquiry has been ordered to investigate into the matter related to part (a) of the question.

(d) Progress of the Court of Inquiry is held up since Sqn. Ldr. Dabas, the main witness in the case is absent without leave and has not appeared to depose before the inquiry.

**Casualities of defence personnel at Siachen glacier**

1943. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of casualties of Indian officers and men working at Siachin glacier during the last three-years;

(b) what is being done to prevent these casualties; and

(c) what are the causes of these casualties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Due to the harshness of the terrain extreme cold weather and Pak firing, which is endemic, a limited number of casualties have occurred in the last three years.

Adequate precautions are taken to minimise the number of casualties. Before, induction, the troops are educated about the peculiarities of the high altitude environment. They are equipped with suitable clothing and given appropriate medical cover. The troops are inducted to the heights after gradual acclimatization.

**Investment in electronic sector by Hong Kong based NRI's**

1944. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the possibilities of wooing Hong Kong based NRI's for investment in India in electronic sector who are planning to leave Hong Kong well before its accession to China slated for 1997;

(b) whether Government would offer them as exclusive incentives package for establishment of electronic Hardware Technology Parks in India which offered

all required infrastructural facilities including highly skilled and professional manpower in abundance; and

(c) whether Govenrment would consider Bangalore as the launching board for such overseas investment promotions in Electronics as it has the best to offer that the industry needs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): *(a) Yes, Sir.*

(b) The Government of India have no plans to invest in setting up infrastructure facilities under the EHTP Scheme as of now. Infrastructure facilities are being set up by the State Governments and private parties.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government of India.

**Development of Software**

1945. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Birla Science Centres at Hyderabad has developed a software to translate official correspondence from Hindi to Telugu;

(b) if so, what are the details of this software; and

(c) whether Government are encouraging development of such projects for translation of documents in Hindi from other major regional languages and English?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) B. M. Birla Science Centre, Hyderabad is reported to have developed a software called "BIRLATRANS" which can translate Hindi official correspondence such as letters, notifications, circulars etc. into equivalent Telugu. The software works with the MS DOS operating system and Graphic Based Intelligence Script Technology (GIST) card.

(c) The Department of Electronics under its Technology Development for Indian Languages (TDIL) programme have initiated projects for the development of Corpora and Machine Translation System for major Indian laguages.

**Wage negotiations in PSUs**

@1946. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since evolved a policy for the next round of wage negotiations in Public Sector Undertakings; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the new wage policy, the managements are free to negotiate the wage structure keeping in view and consistent with the generation of resources/profits by the individual enterprises/units. The Government will not provide any budgetary support for the wage increases and the respective managements will have to find the requisite resources from

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